(b) if so, the details thereof and when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Any amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Tribes can be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Article 342(2) of the Constitution.

Navchetna Sansthan at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

4427. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding working of 'Navchetna Sansthan' at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh:

(b) if so, the action taken in matter;

(c) whether the Ministry had taken a decision to send some officers to Varanasi for investigation;

(d) whether those officers have since conducted the enquiry; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The complaints are under enquiry. Earlier, the enquiry had been entrusted to one of the Joint Secretaries of the Ministry but he could not carry out the enquiry and he has since been transferred. The enquiry has now been entrusted to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and the enquiry report is awaited.

[*English*]

Rights of Tribals

4428. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have advised the States to confer long-term heritable but inalienable rights in respect of land belonging to tribals living in forest villages; and

(b) the response of States in pursuance of the aforesaid advice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has issued guidelines to all the State Governments to convert forest villages into revenue villages by conferring heritable but inalienable rights on the land under cultivation to the villagers.

(b) No specific proposals in this regard have been received from the State Governments.

[*Translation*]

Industrial Training Institutes Imparting Vocational Training

4429. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Training Institutes for imparting vocational training set up during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more vocational institutes, during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the targets fixed in this regard, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) A statement indicating the State-wise number of Industrial Training Institutes set up and brought under the purview of National Council for Vocational Training during the last three years is given below.

(b) and (c) Sir, opening of Industrial Training Institutes is a State subject. Therefore, setting up more Training Institutes during the Eighth Five Year Plan is to be decided by the States/UTs

STATEMENT

S.No.	*State/UT*	*1987-88*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	9	11	1
2	Assam	5	..	..
3	Goa	..	..	1
4	Gujarat	..	2	4
5	Haryana	4	..	..
6	Jammu & Kashmir	..	12	..
7	Karnataka	..	5	..
8	Madhya Pradesh	2	..	..
9	Maharashtra	2	5	..
10	Nagaland	..	2	..
11	Orissa	8	..	..
12	Rajasthan	..	10	..
13	Tamil Nadu	18	94	..
14	Uttar Pradesh	19	42	58
15	West Bengal	1	..	2
16	Delhi	5	..	1
17	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	..	1	..
18	Lakshadweep	..	1	..
	Total	73	185	67

[*English*]

Opening of "Mahila Samakhya" in Rajasthan

4430. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to set up a new project named as "Mahila Samakhya" in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, by when and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Upgradation of Medical Colleges

4431. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to upgrade a number of medical colleges in the country into the National Institutes of Medical Sciences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the SMS Hospital and the Medical College at Jaipur are one of such institutes; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?